## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

## FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

: CRIMINAL NO. 05-

v.

: DATE FILED:

CHARLES LAWRENCE

: VIOLATION:

18 U.S.C. § 287 (making false claims)

: - 1 count

## **INFORMATION**

## **COUNT ONE**

## THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES THAT:

- 1. From on or about November 30, 2001 through on or about November 29, 2002, and at other times, defendant was a United States Postal Service contract carrier who performed highway contract route number 18960 in New Hope, Pennsylvania.
- 2. When defendant drove miles above and beyond his standard route he was entitled to be compensated for those additional efforts. In order to obtain this additional compensation, he was required to complete a U.S. Postal Form 5429, a Certification of Exceptional Service Performed.
- 3. From on or about November 30, 2001 through on or about November 29, 2002, defendant completed twelve such Forms 5429 and submitted them to a supervisor for his or her signature. After receiving the requisite signatures, and unbeknownst to his supervisors, he altered the forms to demand payment for additional miles. In total, his supervisors approved him for 1,841.4 extra miles; defendant, however, fraudulently altered the Forms 5429 after his

superiors signed them, to demand payment for an additional 35,900 miles, thus, causing the Postal Service to overpay him by \$120,468.56.

4. On or about November 29, 2002, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

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knowingly made and presented to the United States Postal Service, an agency of the United States, and aided, abetted, and willfully caused the making and presenting of a claim for payment, by submitting a Form 5429 in which defendant falsely claimed that his supervisor had approved the mileage for which defendant sought reimbursement, when defendant in fact had altered the form to add mileage after his supervisor had signed it, thereby increasing his claim fraudulently by \$13,282.93.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 287 and 2.

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